

# Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam? *I SHOULD NOT BE FORCED TO HAVE UNNECESSARY TESTING OF WHICH MOST IS VERY COSTLY AND PEOPLE ON FIXED INCOMES USUALLY CAN BARELY GET BY WITH JUST NECESSITIES LET ALONE EXTRA COSTS. IF A COMPANY LIKE EXCEL CAN GIVE QUANTITY AS WELL AS QUALITY FOR A PRICE I CAN AFFORD MORE POWER TO THEM. IF THE FDA WANTS ME TO HAVE THESE -7*
2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

*MY EXPERIENCE IS THAT I GO TO THE VETERAN'S ADMINISTRATION FOR ALL OF MY CARE. THE WAITING TIME TO SEE AN EAR SPECIALIST IS AT LEAST 6 MONTHS.*

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment?

*THE FDA DOES NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO DECIDE FOR ME WHEN I GET MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS OR TREATMENTS, THIS SHOULD STILL BE MY CHOICE.*

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose? *Yes.*

*THE LAST I RECALL THIS IS STILL A FREE COUNTRY, FREEDOM TO STILL CHOOSE. IF I CAN FIND HEARING SUPPLIES CHEAPER THAT IS WHAT I WANT TO DO.*

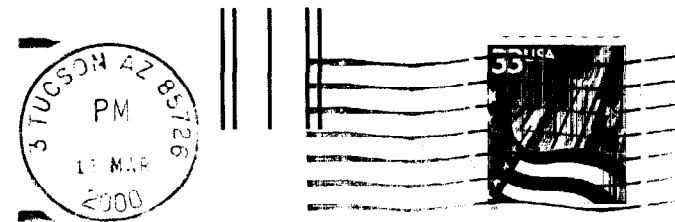
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- ①. EXAMINATIONS THEN THEY SHOULD PAY FOR THEM, AND SEE HOW THEY LIKE PAYING OUT A HIGH AMOUNT. I AM NOT SURE WHAT THE PERCENTAGE IS OF PEOPLE WHO ARE HARD OF HEARING BUT I FIGURE IT IS QUITE HIGH.

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